GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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SETTING UP OF NEWS CENTRES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up news centers in the country, particularly in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the proposed news centers are likely to be set up in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that in so far as AIR is concerned, presently, there is noproposal to set up any Regional News Unit (RNU) anywhere in the country. As regards Doordarshan, RNUs are operating at the State Capitals.

Due to resource, manpower and infrastructural constraints, DD and AIR are unable to set upmore RNUs anywhere including in Jodhpur District, at present.